

H. Research and Public Service Activities

During the 2009-2010 academic year, faculty and staff participated in the following types of selected research and professional activities.

Selected Research and Professional Activities

The research and professional development activities of the College involve participation in discipline-related associations, presentations of papers at regional and national conferences, evaluation of existing programs, development of new courses and programs, involvement in development workshops, and participation in grants-related activities. During 2009-2010 faculty and staff also were actively involved in evaluating and revising existing curricula and courses, and developing new programs.

Dr. Thomas A. Isekenegbe, President as of March 2010 and Interim President beginning in July 2009, has made presentations to numerous groups such as The College Board Forum in New York City, the American Association of Community Colleges, and the League for Innovation in the Community College. Dr. Isekenegbe has participated in such professional activities as the New Jersey Council of Presidents, the NJ Task Force on Transition from Secondary to Postsecondary Education, the NJ Council of County Colleges Presidents' Council.

The College president's Public Service activities include the Millville, Vineland, and Bridgeton Chambers of Commerce, the YMCA Advisory board, the United Way Cumberland County Board and Campaign Chair for the 2009 Public Sector, the Cumberland County Economic Development Board, and the Blue Ribbon Committee, Cumberland County Technical Education Center.

Dr. Jacqueline Galbiati, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Enrollment Services has served as the Director of the Healthcare Career Pathways career ladder funded by the U.S. Department of Labor under its Community-Based Job Training program.

Mr. John Pitcher, CPA, MBA, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, is a member of the New Jersey County Colleges Business Officers Association, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Highlights of selected faculty, administration, and staff research projects, publications, grant proposals, presentations and appointments include:

- Lucy Acevedo, Senior Admissions Counselor participates in such organizations as ASPIRA of New Jersey, La Zeta radio station, and has coordinated several events for Hispanic students as well as NJ STARS.
- Dr. Robert K. Clark is a Commissioner of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. He also continued to serve as a Visiting Scientist in the Department of Neurology/Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- Dr. Adrian DeWindt-King is a member of New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and she has served as director of the College Bound/STEM program.
- Dr. Charles Kocher and Darren Stocker have had several articles published in publications such as: *Journal of Emergency Management*, the *Garden State Law Enforcement Journal: NJ COPS*, and *The Police Chief*.
- Humanities faculty published articles and poems in *L'Esprit* and in other College publications.
- Dr. Steve Stolar and Ms. Diana Appel prepared and presented on "Maintaining Campus Safety" for the NACADA National Conference.
- Mary Padden conducted a pilot study to "Investigate the Effects of Guided Reflective Journaling on Nursing Students' Self-Awareness and Clinical Decision Making Skills."
- Anne Daly Eimer presented a workshop at the Middle States Association of College Registrars and Officers of Admission.
- Dr. Maud Fried Goodnight and Anne Daly Eimer presented a workshop titled, "Engagement at the Front Door: Career Aligned New Student Orientations" at the League for Innovation.
- Mary Ann Westerfield, Tanya Usyk and David Stump developed a proposal that was funded by the National Center for Academic Transformation to re-design the remedial mathematics curriculum.
- The College also recently received Title III funding from the U.S. Department of Education for development of a Center for Academic and Student Success as well as for other initiatives to improve student success.
- Two academic divisions developed and hosted the High School Alignment and Professional Development Workshop.
- Rebecca Sheppard served on the NJ Council of County College's Developmental Education Initiative and presented findings at the NJ Council of County College's Best Practices Conference.
- Project Assist conducted a regional learning disability conference with a nationally recognized keynote speaker in the field of learning disabilities.
- Two of the CCC Librarians presented a poster session at the VALE Information Literacy Symposium at Rutgers University.

Professional Association Memberships

Faculty and staff are members of several different professional associations. Included below is a selected list:

- American Association of Community Colleges
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- American Association for Higher Education
- Association for Institutional Research
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- College and University Personnel Association
- Consortium of Distance Education
- Council for Resource Development
- Delaware Valley Marketing Group
- EOF Professional Association of New Jersey
- FEMA's Emergency Management Higher Education Project
- Human Resources Association
- League for Innovation
- Network of Occupational Training and Education
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Research Council on Mathematics Learning
- National Academic Advising Association
- National Association for Developmental Education
- National Council for Marketing and Public Relations
- National Council for Research and Planning
- National Education Business Association
- New Jersey Council of County Colleges
- New Jersey Library Association
- New Jersey Presidents' Council
- NJ Board of Nursing
- NJ College and University Information Technology Managers Association
- NJ Community College Public Relations Directors Group
- NJ Council for Resource Development
- NJ County College Business Officers Association
- NJ Health Sciences Advisory Board
- NJ Task Force on Transition from Secondary to Post Secondary Education
- NJ Virtual Community College Consortium
- NJEDge.Net
- Phi Delta Kappa
- South Jersey Math Alliance
- South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative
- The National Association of Developmental Educators
- Tri-State Consortium

Selected Public Service and Community Activities

Public service and community activities related to the College's mission include programs for area business and industry, K-12 programs, Fine and Performing Arts Center programs, Continuing education, and other education-related activities open to the public.

Professional and Community Education Programs

During 2009-10, more than 10,000 hours of customized training were delivered to area business on such topics as Blueprint Reading, Troubleshooting, Supervision, Customer Service, Communications, Team Building, Manufacturing Simulations, and Marketing.

Short-term career certification programs were offered in healthcare fields and the alternate route New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey was offered to accelerate the process of teacher certification.

K-12 Programs

The School Counts! Program has issued more than 7,000 certificates; 139 School Counts! students have graduated from CCC; record numbers of School Counts! students are enrolling at the College.

College and high school faculty met to align curricula in language arts and mathematics as part of the College's Strategic Plan.

The Summer Academy for Kids included a 9 week program for ages 5-14.

The Fine and Performing Arts Student Matinee Series offered live performances for more than 3,700 school children.

Fine and Performing Arts Programs

Performing arts programs included approximately 220 different events attended by nearly 20,000 people:

- Art shows and exhibits of faculty, student, and community art work
- *Bye-Bye Birdie, Lend Me a Tenor* and *Guys and Dolls* sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Division
- The Family Time Series for all generations of community residents
- One Book One College presentation by Amy Hill Hearth, author of *Strong Medicine Speaks: A Native American Elder Has Her Say*
- Concerts by the Bay Atlantic Symphony

The Humanities Division offered the annual Poets on Campus Day, produced the College literary magazine *L'Esprit*, and the student newspaper, *The Voice*.

Other Community Programs and Events

During 2009-2010 examples of selected activities included:

- Southern New Jersey ESL Migrant Worker Program
- The Annual Seeking Out Alternative Roads (SOAR) Conference
- Cumberland County Science Fair
- Unity Week activities
- Hispanic Leadership Conference
- Phi Theta Kappa programs
- Cinco de Mayo celebration and performances

The College's George Luciano, Sr. Conference Center was the site for events by business, industry and public groups for conferences, meetings, receptions, dinners, lunches, breakfasts, conferences, job/career fairs, health/wellness fairs, performances, presentations, displays, auctions and awards ceremonies in the Conference Center and Theater.

Individual Public Service Activities

Faculty, staff, and administrators have participated in the following associations and servicegroups and offered their expertise in several areas such as:

- South Jersey Hospital Community Advisory Board
- The Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission
- The New Jersey State Council of the Arts
- The New Jersey State Horticultural Society, Director
- Presentation for School Counts! Students at local high schools
- Southwoods Prison Ministry
- Cumberland County 4H Advisory Committee
- Zonta Club of Cumberland County
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Court-Appointed Special Advocate
- Bayshore Discovery Project, Board Chair
- Community health and wellness programs offered by Nursing department
- ASPIRA of NJ Taskforce
- Latin American Educational Foundation
- Martin Luther King Outreach and Social Services Agency
- La Zeta Spanish Radio
- Cumberland Hispanic Literacy events
- New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- South Jersey Healthcare, Board of Directors
- American Heart Association Heart Walk
- Leadership Cumberland County, Advisory Board
- Vineland Education Foundation

In addition to the selected groups listed above, College faculty and staff participate in numerous other service organizations. Among these are United Way, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club, AAUW, as well as numerous other church and community groups. College employees also serve in leadership roles and on boards of various local and state associations.